GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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POSITION OF BALANCE OF PAYMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the position of balance of payment has become grave due to recent decline in the value of rupee as compared to dollar; and

(b): if so, the effective steps taken /proposed to be taken to deal with this situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : The depreciation of rupee against the US dollar will helpincrease exports and strengthen our efforts at cost effective import substitution. The balance of trade and, thereby, the balance of payments position is expected to improve. India`s balance of payment, at present, is reasonably comfortable.